



St. Michael's Newsletter

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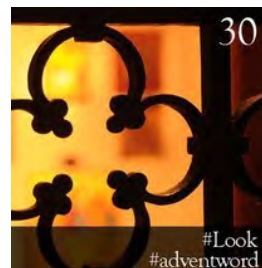
From the Rector

"Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."
(Luke 26:38)

A new Christian year begins with the season of Advent. The first Sunday of Advent, Nov. 30, arrived just days after Thanksgiving Day. There has been much to be thankful for this past year at St. Michael's: liturgies, lectures and celebrations commemorating the parish's 300th anniversary; a new carpet, new ramp, new lift, new choir room, nursery room, meeting room, new steeple and a water-tight bell tower; generous donations of time, talent and treasure to the Capital Campaign, and Annual Stewardship pledge and the ongoing ministries of the church such as the Lobster Lunch, Christmas Fair, Church School, youth and adult choirs, and more. Much has happened, and many faithful servants have made it possible.

Advent is a season that looks ahead. It anticipates the coming of Christ. The words above are spoken by Mary after she is visited by the Archangel Gabriel. Her trust and faith grounded her quite literally in expectation and hope. In this Advent season we are invited to prepare with hope and expectation.

The Thanksgiving meal and then "Black Friday" and "Cyber-Monday" already have people scurrying in preparation mode. How, then, to rejuvenate that awareness of God's incarnation?



"Look."
"Show up."
"Expand."
"Ask."

These four words are found on each Sunday of the Advent Calendar

from the Brothers of the Society of St. John the Evangelist (SSJE). Being verbs, these are words of action. They invite us to look clearly and honestly at ourselves and take action in connecting more deeply in the light of Christ. By subscribing online at "ssje.org/adventword" you can find a daily word and meditation, and an image, to prepare for and rekindle within the real meaning of Christmas. A small printed Advent Calendar is available in the St. Michael's Church Office for those who don't wish to go online. More information on this Advent program is offered on page 5 in this newsletter.

Each person will find his or her own response to Advent and Christmas. The seasons cycle through once again, each building on and influencing the next. May this new church year and Advent season at St. Michael's be one of deepening, revelation and wisdom in the Word made flesh, Christ our Lord.

- Fr. Andrew

Worship & Music

The season of Advent has always been a favorite of mine. We get to sing beautiful hymns with words of expectation, anticipation and the promise of our Savior's birth. In our new lectionary, it is not a penitential season, but one of hearing good news! Please join us for Lessons and Carols for Advent on Sunday December 7 at 5 pm. The St. Michael's Choir will be led by John Skelton, Visiting Organist, and will sing music by Vaughan Williams, J. S. Bach, and Charles Stanford.

Later in the month on the 14th of December at the 10 am Eucharist we will have an opportunity to hear Sarah Hunter and Katy Hoyer sing the beautiful duet from Messiah, "He shall feed his flock". And on Christmas Eve, we'll be singing music by Rutter, Darke, Howells and Major, and all your favorite traditional Christmas carols. Our excellent and hard-working Youth Choir will sing at the 5 pm Family Christmas Eve service as well.

A happy and blessed Advent and Christmas Season to all!

—Doug Major

The Mitten Tree

The Mitten Tree, located in the Parish Hall, is an opportunity to give to a child in need. Each Mitten-Star pair provides the gender and age of the child. Take the mitten of the pair and leave the star to decorate the tree. Return by Sunday, December 14, with a gift (\$30 is a suggested amount) unwrapped in a holiday gift bag with the mitten attached.

And Thank you to the Hintlian family for providing us with a new tree, used for Christmas Fair decorations and the Mitten Tree. - Kelley Howells and Diane Christian



Advent & Christmas Special Services

Sunday, Dec. 7 **2 Advent**
 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 9:30 a.m. No Church School
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
 5:00 p.m. Advent Lessons & Carols

Wednesday, Dec. 24 **Christmas Eve**
 5:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant with
 Family Eucharist, Rite II
 10:45 p.m. Choral and Organ Music
 11:00 p.m. Festive Eucharist, Rite II

Thursday, Dec. 25 **Christmas Day**
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, Dec. 28 **1 Christmas**
 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, Jan. 4 **2 Christmas**
 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 9:30 a.m. Church School Chapel
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
 5:00 p.m. Evensong & Benediction

Christmas Poinsettias & Memorial List

Names are needed by December 14th.

Poinsettias adorn the church through the Christmas season until Epiphany. If you wish to have a poinsettia in memory of, or in thanksgiving for, a beloved one or for other blessings, please submit name(s) by Sunday, Dec. 14th. The list of names is included in the Christmas Eve and Day bulletins. The suggested donation for a poinsettia is \$20.00 per listed name. Poinsettias are not included as part of perpetuity remembrance.



January Preparations for Annual Meeting January 25, 2015

Nominating Committee Seeks Suggestions

The Nominating Committee is considering candidates for leadership positions in the church. Each year at the Annual Meeting of the parish, St. Michael's elects two wardens, clerk, treasurer, assistant treasurer, 3 Vestry members (3-years), and 2 Diocesan convention delegates. If you know of a good candidate, or if you are interested yourself, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee:

Frances Nilsson, Steve Clay, Karin McCarthy, Melissa Amberik, Sarah Bates and The Rev. Andrew Stoessel.

Annual Reports Due January 7th

Committee/Commission Chairs—Please turn in your 2014 annual report to Jane Maihos **by Tuesday, January 6, 2015**. The early date facilitates combining, copying and collation. Please send electronically, preferably single-spaced in Times New Roman 12-point font. Thank you.

Church School & Youth

Adult Nursery Care Person Still Needed!

St. Michael's provides Nursery care each Sunday during the 10 o'clock service. As of this writing we are still in search of an adult who would like to work in a paid position in the Nursery for two hours each Sunday until June. Please let us know if you are interested! We have a great group of children to spend Sunday mornings with.

November Highlights

In November we began the month with Children's Chapel and celebrated with two of our Church School and Nursery Care members, Alessandro and Esme, as they were baptized. During the month, Godly Play children worked on a Unit of Parables, while the Weaving God's Promises group learned about figures from the Old Testament including Joseph, Daniel, and Jonah.

For Reindeer: Later in the month we began our preparations for Advent and also created an item for the Church School to sell at the Heart of Christmas Fair on December 5th and 6th. The children made "Magical Reindeer Dust", a special dust to be scattered on your lawn before bedtime on Christmas Eve. The smell of the oats and the shimmer of the glitter may attract Santa's reindeer to land at your home! They all worked hard and had a lot of fun. Please look to purchase it at the fair! All proceeds go to the Ministries and Programs of St. Michael's Church.



Godly Play and Weaving God's Promises groups assembled "Magical Reindeer Dust" packets to sell at the Heart of Christmas on December 5th and 6th.

Christmas Pageant: We have also had sign-ups to participate in the Pageant on Christmas Eve. In pageant news, yes, Choir members will be able to participate in both the Pageant and Choir on Christmas Eve! **The Pageant will be held on Wednesday, December 24th at 5:00 p.m.** and is part of the Christmas Eve service. Rehearsals for the Pageant will be held in the church following the 10:00

- Nov.30: Nursery Care 9:30 am
No Church School (Thanksgiving Weekend)
- Dec. 2: Youth Service Group, 6:30 pm
- Dec. 4 Annual Tree Lighting + Carols, 7 pm
& chili bags & cider, 6-8 pm
- Dec. 5 Heart of Christmas Fair Preview Party
with special activities for Children
- Dec. 6 Heart of Christmas Fair, 9 am—3 pm
Christmas Walk Parade at noon
- Dec. 7: Nursery Care; Children's Chapel & Church
School 9:30 am
Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, 11:30 am
- Dec. 9 Supper Club-Assisting 'Community of
Friends' 6-8 pm
- Dec. 14 Nursery Care & Church School
Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, 11:30 am
- Dec. 21 Nursery Care & Church School
Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, 11:30 am
with Cast Party luncheon
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service & Pageant, 5 pm
- Dec. 28 No Church School

service on December 7, 14 and 21st. Each rehearsal will take less than an hour. Children may leave after the service, and eat a quick snack, then return to the Church to practice. Our rehearsal on December 21st will be a dress rehearsal and will be followed by a cast party in the parish hall featuring a special lunch.

There will not be Church School on November 30, which is Thanksgiving weekend.

December

December will be a busy month for the Church School! We will participate in Children's Chapel, and the Godly Play Group will be preparing for the birth of Jesus on Christmas by learning about the Holy Family, Advent, and the Epiphany this month. The Weaving God's Promises Group will learn about Zechariah and Elizabeth, John the Baptist, and the birth of Jesus.

High School Service Group

Our youth in the High School Service group will be meeting on Tuesday, December 2nd to label and decorate mittens for our parish mitten tree, as well create cards to hold gift cards for those in need this Christmas.

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Church School & Youth continued

Supper Club

Supper Club will be meeting this month on December 9th. We will be enjoying the Christmas movie favorite "Elf" while we decorate stockings for the Community of Friends to help the less fortunate have a merry Christmas.

2nd Annual Tree Lighting & Carols

Join us for Christmas Carols, hot cider and "Chili in a Bag" on Thursday, December 4th from 6-8pm on the Summer Street lawn. We will begin with carols, and will light the tree at 7pm.

Heart of Christmas Fair

The St. Michael's Heart of Christmas Fair will begin with a Preview dinner on Friday, December 5th. Helen Riegler and Kristen Clay will be organizing care and entertainment for the children downstairs, while adults enjoy the preview upstairs. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Tickets for children aged 2 to 12 are \$5.

The fair continues on Saturday, December 6th. Look for our Church School contribution of "Magical Reindeer Dust" on sale there.

Christmas Walk Parade

St. Michael's Church is organizing to participate in the Christmas Walk Parade on Saturday, December 6th. The

theme this year is "Winter Wonderland". Look for more information to follow .

Christmas Dinner Food Pantry Shopping

Also in December, families are invited to take part in our parish outreach to the Marblehead Food Pantry to help less fortunate families prepare a special Christmas meal. We are asking only for a commitment of your time and energy. The Food Pantry provides gift cards to Market Basket. Our service to them is to do the "legwork". Families take a prepared list, shop for the requested foods, pay with the gift cards, and deliver the items to the food pantry. **Food items need to be delivered to the Marblehead Food Pantry by Monday, December 22nd.** They will then be distributed to provide Christmas dinner to those in need. If you are interested in helping us with this outreach effort, please contact Linda Smidt.



Mitten Tree

Our annual Mitten Tree is also another great way to reach out to others at this time of year. Please consider taking a mitten from our tree and fulfilling the wish of someone in need by purchasing them a gift, (\$30 suggested amount) and leaving it under the tree.

-Kelley Howells.

Steward of the Month: Katy Hoyer

Katy Hoyer is St. Michael's new mezzo-soprano and alto section leader since early in 2014. She auditioned with Doug Major in February even though she almost did not apply for the audition because she had a cold.

A cradle Episcopalian from New Jersey, she finds St. Michael's close to the kind of church in which she grew up. "I am a history buff and an Anglophile so the church's history is stunning for me," she says "Everyone has been so welcoming and Doug is an incredible music director," she says. She is impressed by how many people come to the music programs.

At Smith College, Katy majored in Portuguese with interdisciplinary component. She studied medieval Portuguese music and lived in Lisbon for six months. For two years in college, she interned at a non-profit for chamber music. After graduating, she worked in Smith's publicity department and then came to Boston to work in communications for Winsor Music. She also does web design for musicians and musical groups.

Katy lives in Woburn with her partner Alicia, a soprano,



who also sings professionally. She credits Alicia with pushing her to audition, despite her cold, when they saw the position in the Boston Singers' Resource online.

In her spare time, Katy likes cross-stitch which her grandmother first taught her. She has a sampler from her grandmother with flowers and herbs along with a verse from Genesis. "Now I watch videos online to learn more about cross-stitch. It isn't like sitting with my grandmother and bonding over our work, but I can ask the video to keep repeating!" she says with a smile.

And, of course, there is Bessie, their polydactyl calico cat. "She looks like a melted chocolate chip cookie," Katy says.

Katy's parents are still in New Jersey, where her mother is a massage therapist and her father is with J. Whippel*, an ecclesiastical haberdashery, another reason for Katy to say, "I am embedded in the church."

- A series of parishioner profiles by Marilyn Day

* Editor's note: Coincidentally, Father Andrew has spoken with Katy's father several times when purchasing items for St. Michael's.

Heart of Christmas Fair

It's time to bring in your crafts, baked goods & other donations.

And it's not too late to sign up for a shift!

Do you have your tickets for the preview party? There will be ham sliders, yummy hors d'oeuvres and desserts, and wassail for a merrier evening. It's your first opportunity to buy those items you have spotted through the library door—perhaps a painting, chair, a beautiful linen, collectible doll or antique.

Parents, don't forget that Kristin Clay and Helen Riegle will be hosting a special party for Church School children giving you a chance to visit, shop and help out. And the Christmas Fair is the perfect place for children to shop with bargains in the Rich Uncle area, the jewelry table and crafts.

Of course on Saturday there will be chili-in-a-bag for parade goers and if you are craving a taste of summer, come early for a Heavenly Lobster roll—we'll have a limited number—plus clam chowder, hot dogs & grilled cheese sandwiches.

But most of all, remember that every penny spent at the fair helps us fund all our ministries, staff and programs, and helps close our budget gap.



Tree Lighting on the Lawn during the Christmas Walk Preview

Thursday, December 4
6 pm—8 pm Chili-in-a-bag & Cider
7:00 pm Tree Lighting & Carols



St. Michael's Heart of Christmas Fair

Friday, December 5
6:00 pm—8:30 pm

Wassail! Hors d'oeuvres & Preview Sale
Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door.
Children ages 2-12 are \$5.

Saturday, December 6
9:00 am—3:00 pm

Hot beverage & more beginning 9am
Hot chili, chowder, hot dogs, grilled cheese
beginning 11 am
Silent Auction ends at 1:30 pm
Historic Church Open House

Invitation to an Advent Journey

We want to invite you on journey with us this Advent as we experience the season of hope and joy together. We invite you (and your family, friends, and children) to join with the Brothers of SSJE and Anglicans worldwide as we experience the Incarnation in our daily lives this Advent through meditation and imagery.

Get more information and sign up by following this link—www.SSJE.org/adventword. You can get a daily email of devotion and meditation. You can also sign up via Pinterest or Instagram to share photos. We hope that you will share some of those photos on Facebook with us as well. There are also good old fashioned paper copies of the Advent Word calendar for those interested in meditating on an image and word for each day. We look forward to sharing this journey as a community. Share with all of your friends!
- Brian Fizer.

Parish Aid Society & Friends

The word of the day on Tuesday, December 16 is "Experience." The Parish Aid Society, Senior Warden and Rector invite you to experience the warmth of fellowship and conversation with fellow parishioners and with the Parish Aid Society. Share your thoughts of hope and expectation in this Advent Season.

Tuesday, December 16 at noon
St. Michael's Parish Hall
Please bring a sandwich and yourself!
We will provide a cup of soup, dessert, tea and coffee.
RSVP to the Church Office by calling 781-631-0657
or email to: office@stmichaels1714.org



December 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 30 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am No Church School 9:30 am Nursery 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II	1 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry	2 12:00 pm Fair Assembly 5:00 pm St. Michael's at My Brother's Table, Lynn 6:00 pm Deanery at Christ Church Hamilton 6:30 pm Youth Service	3 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 5:30 pm Christmas Fair Setup 8:00 pm AA (Chapter Rm.)	4 No choir rehearsals 6:00 - 8:00 Chili bags & cider 7:00 pm Tree Lighting & Carols	5 4:00 pm Vendor Setup 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm Heart of Christmas Preview Party	6 Heart of Christmas Fair 9:00 am - 3:00 pm 11 am - 2 pm Lunch inside & out
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 7 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Children's Chapel 9:30 am Nursery 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:30 am Pageant Rehearsal 5:00 pm Advent Lessons & Carols	8 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry	9 6:00 pm Supper Club Assisting Community of Friends 7:00 pm Wardens	10 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA (Chapter Rm.)	11 4:45 pm Youth Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir	12 St. Michael's Team at Lifebridge Pam Oppelt & Valerie Wyckoff Co-Captains	13
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 14 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00 am 300 th Committee 9:30 am Church School/Nursery 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:30 am Pageant Rehearsal	15 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 pm Supper Club	16 Noon Parish Aid & Friends - all are welcome 7:00 pm Vestry	17 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 4:45 pm Youth Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir 8:00 pm AA	18 Newsletter Deadline	19	20
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 21 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Church School/Nursery 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:30 am Pageant Rehearsal & Cast Party Luncheon	22 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry	23 Noon Bulletin Assembly 7:30 pm Adult Choir	CHRISTMAS EVE 24 No a.m. Eucharist/Bible Study 5:00 pm Christmas Pageant & Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:45 pm Choral/Organ Prelude 11:00 pm Festal Eucharist, Rite II	CHRISTMAS DAY 25 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music 8:00 pm AA	26 Office Closed	27
1ST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS 28 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I No Church School 9:30 am Nursery 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II	29 Thrift Shop Hours Tuesday-Saturday 1 pm - 4 pm	30 New Year's Eve 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Church Staff 8:00 pm AA (Chapter Rm.)	31 New Year's Day Office Closed	January 2 Office Hours Mon. - Fri. 8:30 am - 12:30 am	January 3 11:00 am Adult Choir	

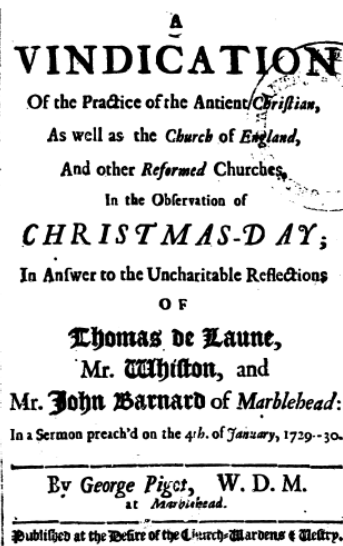
Pigot's Vindication of the Celebration of Christmas, 1731

The celebration of Christmas was a contentious issue in the 17th and 18th centuries. For many reasons the Puritans did not agree that it should be celebrated, and banned it from 1659 to 1681. In 1729, December 25 fell on a Sunday. John Barnard, minister at the First Congregational Church, took the opportunity to preach on "The Certainty, TIME, and END of the BIRTH of our Lord and Saviour *Jesus Christ*." A battle of sermons and pamphlets had begun.

Barnard's reasons for not celebrating December 25th were that the true day was not known and more likely fell around the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles; the current day was chosen to convert pagans; God did not ask that it be celebrated; and for all these reasons did not intend for it to be observed. Barnard added that among those who do celebrate the day, it tended "to Vanity and folly to Sin and Debauchery to Reveling and Drunkenness, like the ancient Saturnalia of the Heathen." He ends with "Let us then learn to Commemorate the Birth of *Christ*, every Day of our Lives, by Living in constant Remembrance, that to *us there is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord*."

Whether intended or not, Barnard's parishioners latched onto his arguments and taunted Marblehead Anglicans. Their minister, The Rev. George Pigot later described in his pamphlet that Barnard's "Performance was looked on by his credulous hearers as an unanswerable Argument against the *Church of England* in particular; insomuch that Some of his greatest Admirers did frequently and loudly upbraid the Members of my Church, even in the very Streets, with such Tauntings as these: —*What is become of your Christmas Day now; for Mr. B— d has proved it to be Nothing else but an heathenish Rioting? — will you never have done with your Popish Ceremonies, that you must have Four or five Days running to observe, what Mr. B — d has made out to be no such Thing as You pretend?*"

Ten days later on Jan. 4th, 1730, minister at St. Michael's, The Rev. George Pigot, gave an answering sermon: "The Jewish Oeconomy, A Foundation for the Christian." In it he links the three major Jewish feasts—The Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks, and the Feast of Tabernacles—to the Christian Church's major holidays: Easter, Pentecost, and Christmas. Each of the Jewish feasts is a harvest celebration, as well as having a relationship to the story of flight of the Jews from Egypt, their journey through the desert to their receiving of the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai. The Christian feasts take on added symbolism from their Jewish counterparts: "*Christ, Our Passover, is sacrificed for Us, and there for that We should*



not keep the *Holy Season with Old Leaven*." Pigot seems to suggest that as the Feast of Tabernacle celebrates the close of the harvest, the date is more general, shifting according to location, marking the increase of light into the world.

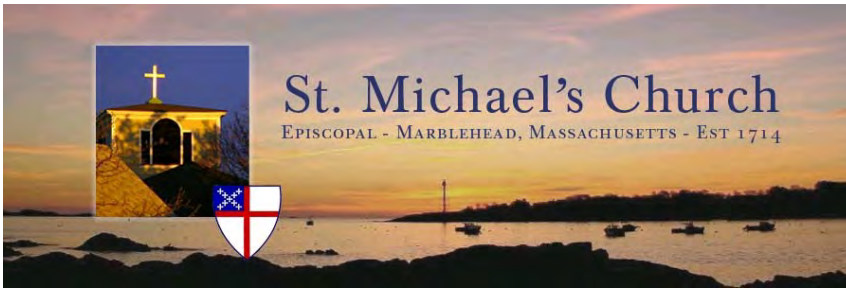
Pigot then tackles directly several of Barnard's points concerning whether shepherds would have been out on a winter's night; when Christmas Day was first observed; and whether the date was chosen to substitute for a pagan holiday. Lastly Pigot looks at who, where and how the three major Christian feasts should be celebrated: All Christian people, preferably in a united church, should celebrate "...in all those

Places, where the general Worship of God is carried on with Spirit and Truth..." with Liberality (generosity), and (2) Largeness of Soul. We are "to present before the Lord Hearts, full of praise and thanksgivings, for God's multiplied Benefits, and full of Candour and tender Concern, for the good of One Another, and of Mankind in General. This seems to be the Design of congregating whole Societies at such particular Season..."

Dueling sermons did not close the matter. In Spring 1732, John Barnard published his sermon with footnotes and with an Appendix providing a more detailed explanation of his premise on the possible date of Christ's birth. The battle had now moved out of Marblehead into a larger sphere. At the urging of his Vestry Pigot then published his own "*A Vindication of the Practice of the Antient Christian, As well as the Church of England, And other Reformed Churches, in the Observation of Christmas-Day...*". The pamphlet included a Preface where he criticizes Barnard's sermon line-by-line—Barnard's grammar, facts and logic.

But what of Barnard and Pigot's points on the dating of the birth of Christ's birth. Andrew McGowan, President and Dean of the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, came out with an article in *Biblical Archaeology Review* "[How December 25 Became Christmas](#)" in December 2012, since revised. McGowan noted that sometime between 200 A.D. and before Constantine, 309 A.D., two birthdays were widely used: December 25 and January 6th. This was before the time when Christian feasts became associated with pagan ones. One theory suggested in a 4th century treatise is that the day of Christ's crucifixion and the day of his conception (the day of Annunciation) were believed to be the same. Therefore since his crucifixion was calculated to be March 25, the Annunciation is also March 25 and the birth date 9 months later on December 25.

- Frances Stith Nilsson, Historic Church Committee



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Advent Lessons & Carols
 Sunday, December 6, 5 pm

**Schedule for
 Christmas Eve / Day**

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24

5:00 pm Family Eucharist &
 Christmas Pageant
 10:45 pm Organ and Choral Music
 11:00 pm Festal Eucharist, Rite II

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25

10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

St. Michael's Church

Officers: Frances Nilsson, Sr. Warden; Stephen Clay, Jr. Warden; Sue Cool, Clerk; James Dearborn, Treasurer; Karl Renney, Asst. Treasurer.

Vestry: Melissa Amberik, Sarah Bates, Brian Carlson, Xavier Chickering, Jennifer Davis-Oliveira, Ellie Doyle, Rory Gaunt, Robert L. Howie, Jr., Karin McCarthy.

Delegates for Convention: Jan Barnett, Denise Shea. **Deanery Delegates:** Jan Barnett, Frances Nilsson, Denise Shea

Staff: The Rev. Andrew J. Stoessel, Rector; Dr. Douglas Major, Music Director; Kelley Howells, Christian Education Director; Jane Maihos, Parish Administrator; Jennifer Hill, Sexton.